

## CLAIMS

1. A pressure holding apparatus for a torque-transmitting mechanism comprising:
  - a source of fluid pressure from an engine-driven pressure source;
  - at least one valve mechanism for connecting a supply of oil from
  - 5 said pressure source to a pressure holding valve;
  - said pressure holding valve including a valve mechanism having a first operating position for distributing fluid pressure from said fluid pressure source to a torque-transmitting mechanism engaging system and a second operating position for preventing fluid flow from said torque-transmitting
  - 10 mechanism to an exhaust mechanism, said second operating position being conditioned by the ceasing of operation of said engine-driven pressure source.
2. The pressure holding apparatus defined in Claim 1 further wherein:
  - said operating position of pressure holding valve is either a spring set position or a control set position.
3. The pressure holding apparatus defined in Claim 2 further wherein:
  - a spring mechanism is operable to position said valve mechanism
  - in said second operating position and a selectively operable control
  - 5 mechanism is operable to position said valve in said first position.

4. The pressure holding apparatus defined in Claim 2 further wherein:

a spring member is operable to position said valve mechanism in said first operating position and a selectively operable control mechanism is energized to position said valve mechanism in said second operating position.